

Feb. 27 Martin Hands Colts Freshman First Loss 8-1

Martin used dominating pitching striking out 10 Colts and scattering five singles en route to an 8-1 victory, relegating the Colts to the consolation bracket. The Colts also allowed only 5 hits, but gave up 4 walks and 6 unearned runs. For a while the Colts were in striking distance. Starting pitcher Lawrence Brandt settled down after giving up a walk and two hits to start the game, keeping the powerful Martin lineup in check, and after Kelsie and Tyler led off the 4th with singles, the Colts drew to within 3-1. The Colts were unable to sustain the rally and did not score again. In the bottom of the fourth the Warriors took advantage of a lead-off walk and a couple of Colts miscues to pad the lead to 4-1, and a two-out double put the Colts in a five-run hole. Martin extended the lead to 8-1 in the 5th, scoring two unearned runs off reliever Kelsie Dancer. Duane Hughes two-out single in the 6th gave Arlington a glimmer of hope, but the Martin third baseman made a nice play on Jeremy Cook's hard smash, short-circuiting a potential rally. Cook was in for Daniil Lysenco who started the game at first base. Dillon Elliot replaced Chris at catcher late in the game.